

STATE OF INDIANA
_____ COURT

In The Matter Of:

CASE NO: _____

A Child Alleged To Be A Child
In Need Of Services

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT OF CASA

The Court now finds that a Court Appointed Special Advocate (hereinafter CASA) is necessary and desirable to represent and protect the interest of the child in the above captioned case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court as follows:

1. _____ is hereby appointed CASA for the child named in this proceeding and shall act in that capacity as an officer of this Court for the purpose of representing the child's interest in this case. As such officer of the Court, the CASA may be represented by counsel and shall be entitled to submit evidence to the Court, examine and cross-examine witnesses, and be served copies of all matters filed with the Court by any party.

2. Pursuant to Indiana Code 31-25-2-13, IC 31-33-15-2, IC 31-33-18-2, IC 31-34-9-7(4) and IC 31-39-4-4, upon presentation of this Order to any agency, hospital, organization, school, person or office, including, but not limited to, the Division or local Department of Child Services, any mental health agency or practitioner, any health care provider, physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker or law enforcement agency, the aforementioned shall permit the CASA to inspect and/or copy any records, reports, test results, x-rays, photographs or other material relevant to the case, the child, either of the parents, or any other person responsible for the child's custody, or welfare, without the consent of the child or the parent(s), guardian, or custodian.

3. The CASA appointed herein shall maintain all information received from any such source as confidential and shall not disclose same except in reports to this Court and to other parties in this case.

4. The CASA shall appear in person or by its Director(s), unless excused by the Court, at all hearings or proceedings scheduled in this case and assure the proper representation of the child at any proceeding.

5. The CASA shall be notified of all hearings, case conferences, investigations, depositions or other proceedings concerning the children and shall be notified prior to any action taken on behalf of the child by any party.

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6. Any documents, records, reports, test results, x-rays, photographs or other material received by the CASA from any source and remaining in the hands of the CASA upon termination of this case, shall be sealed and turned over to this Court for filing outside the record of this case.

7. The parent(s) _____ (is)(are) ordered to pay the sum of \$100.00 within thirty days as a user fee for deposit by the probation department into the Court Appointed Advocate Fund. Ind. Code 31-40-3-1.

SO ORDERED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Judge

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